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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REFTTEL, AMBASSADOR MCHENRY JUNE 15 CALLED ON ANGOLAN PERMREP FIGUEIREDO TO INFORM HIM OF DEVELOPING PLANS FOR A VISIT TO LUANDA BY MCHENRY AND THE NEW YORK CONTACT GROUP AROUND JUNE 21-23 TO MEET WITH SWAPO. MCHENRY ADVISED FIGUEIREDO THAT IN THE CONTEXT OF THAT VISIT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE, POSSIBLY WITH OTHER US OFFICIALS, TO MEET BILATERALLY WITH ANGOLAN OFFICIALS.

2. FIGUERIREDO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ADVANCE WORD OF THE POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE CONTACT GROUP AND SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS BILATERAL MATTERS AT THAT TIME. HE IMMEDIATELY SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD STRONGLY PREFER THAT THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE CONTACT GROUP'S MEETINGS WITH SWAPO AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IF MCHENRY COULD ARRANGE HIS TRAVEL TO ARRIVE IN LUANDA A
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DAY AHEAD OF THE CONTACT GROUP. SPECIFICALLY, ASSUMING THAT THE CONTACT GROUP WOULD FOLLOW ITS TENTATIVE PLAN FOR ARRIVAL IN LUANDA WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 21, HE SUGGESTED THAT MCHENRY PLAN HIS TRAVEL TO ARRIVE IN LUANDA TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 20. THIS WOULD PERMIT ONE FULL DAY OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE CONTACT GROUP, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL

DISCUSSIONS DURING PART OF THE DAY THURSDAY, JUNE 22, IF THAT WERE NECESSARY.

3. FIGUEIREDO, IN COMMENTING ON THE PROSPECT OF SERIOUS BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HOPED THAT THEY COULD BE HELD IN THE SPIRIT AND AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE SECRETARY'S AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S RECENT MEETINGS WITH ANGOLAN OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK. HE SAID THEY WOULD HOPE FOR FURTHER MOVEMENT TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS AND ASKED MCHENRY'S ANTICIPATION OF THE SUBJECTS HE WOULD EXPECT TO COVER. MCHENRY SAID HE COULD NOT COMMENT ON THE POSSIBLE AGENDA AS YET, SINCE HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED HIS INSTRUCTIONS WITH HIS GOVERNMENT. LEONARD

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